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Lt. General Walter B. Smith, U. S. Army,  
Headquarters, First Army,  
Governors' Island, New York.

Dear General Smith:

It was with considerable pleasure that I learned of your recent appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. It is always encouraging to see occasional evidence of the exercise of sound judgment in the selection of really qualified persons for assignment to critical positions of national importance.

I often think nostalgically of the old days at Headquarters ETO, AFHQ and SHAEF. Those were memorable times.

Fort Leavenworth is a veritable bee-hive of activity as we prepare for the reopening of the War College. We are hoping that current and possible future international events will not serve to prevent us from having the pleasure of hearing you lecture us at some time during the course.

With hearty congratulations to the CIA, and cordial greetings to you, I am, sir,

Always respectfully,

*Henry Gordon Sheen*  
HENRY GORDON SHEEN  
Colonel, Armor,  
Instructor

5 September 1950

Colonel Henry Gordon Sheen  
Army War College  
Ft Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Colonel Sheen:

Thank you for your thoughtful note of August 25 congratulating me on my new appointment. It is always good to hear from former associates of those unforgettable war years.

Although I am under no illusion as to the difficulty of the position which I am shortly to assume, there will at least be the satisfaction of doing a job which needs to be done.

With sincere good wishes for your present assignment, and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

W. B. SMITH

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